

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

BLOCKBUSTER WEEK 2

SERIES INFO

BLOCKBUSTER

We all love a good story.

The kind with storms you can't outrun... pressure that exposes what's really inside... and moments that change everything. The reason those stories stick with us is because they're not just on the screen—they're happening in real life. Blockbuster is a four-week series where powerful films collide with biblical truth. We'll explore the questions underneath the story—family, pressure, ambition, failure, and grace—and discover what God has been saying about them all along. Because the Bible has been speaking into these things long before the cameras ever started rolling.

PERSONAL FUN FACTS

- What Disney character did you relate to most growing up? Why did that character resonate with you?

TAKEAWAYS

What were the greatest “takeaways” you had from the message this week related to “Beauty and the Beast?”

DISCUSSION

1. From Beast to Beloved

Scripture: Romans 3:22-23; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 2:1-3

The gospel isn't about God making us look better. It is about God making us new. Christianity is not some type of behavior modification program. It is true heart transformation. The work of God in your life doesn't just improve the old you; He creates a new you. We often think that our main problem in life is what we do that would make God not very happy with us. But the Bible teaches us that our real root problem is who we are. Sin is not just a behavior ... a falling short or a mistake made, but it is a condition of the heart, which gets to our identity.

1) How do you see it easier to change your behavior than to change your heart?

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2) What same tendencies do we as humans have that was evident in the Beast character in Beauty and the Beast?

2. Love Sees Things Differently

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7; Ephesians 2:4-5

The character “Belle” sees through the grotesque exterior of the Beast. Let’s face it, the Beast isn’t very lovable. He’s angry, self-absorbed, and belligerent in his actions. But there is something there inside. Even with a rough outer shell, there is a heart ... a heart that has been broken, and a heart that has turned to stone. God looks at our hearts. Jesus doesn’t wait until we become lovable to love us ... He loves us from the very start. God sees what we are and then what we can be.

1) Why is it difficult to believe that God loves us “as we are?”

2) Belle didn’t fall in love with the Beast because he changed. The Beast changed because he was loved. How does being loved change a person? How has this been true in your life?

3. From the Inside Out

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:25-26; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20

Once the curse is broken, the Beast’s heart is changed and a whole new life transformation begins to take place. He is made into a new person ... a prince. This is the turning point of the gospel. Jesus doesn’t just forgive us, but He recreates us. It’s not just that we are made to be a better version of ourselves, we are entirely a new creation. We have a new identity. God replaces what is hardened, cold, and self-centered with a heart where new life can flow.

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1) When you hear that Christ makes you a “new creation,” what does that actually mean to you?

2) If we are truly “new,” why do we still struggle with old patterns in our lives?

4. Living As One Who Has Been Transformed **Scripture: Colossians 3:5-10**

Our identity that is transformed by Christ is something that happens instantly ... in a moment ... but our experience of transformation is a lifelong process happening gradually. The Beast becomes a human prince instantly, but from that moment on, he will need to learn how to live as a prince. You are made new immediately when you come to Christ, but you will grow progressively as you partner with God daily.

1) Do you ever get discouraged when your life doesn't change spiritually as quickly as you think it should? Explain.

2) Going forward, what does it look like to “live out” your new identity in Jesus Christ?

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APPLICATION

At the end of *Beauty and the Beast*, everything changes in a moment. The curse is broken, the Beast is gone, and the prince is revealed. For us, in Christ, that moment of transformation has already happened. Some of us, though, are still living like the Beast when God has already declared us as a new creation. Some of us think of the gospel as being about taming the Beast within us, when in reality, the gospel is about becoming someone entirely new.

- What is one old identity aspect of my life do I need to let go of?

- What is one truth about my “new self” in Christ that I need to embrace this week?

PRAYER

Lord, we confess that we often try to fix ourselves from the outside in. But you offer something deeper in that you give us a new heart, a new life, and a new identity. Transform us from the inside out. Help us live as who You say we already are. In Jesus' name. Amen.